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--210. A program for an information processing apparatus to which an external device is detachably connected by connection means, said program instructing the information processing apparatus to perform the steps of:

recognizing connection of the external device to the information processing apparatus by the connection means;

recognizing the type of external device the connection means connects to the information processing apparatus based on data stored in the external device; and

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reading a device driver for the connected external device either from the external device through the connection means or from a memory area provided in the information processing apparatus in response to said connection recognizing step recognizing connection of the external device to the information processing apparatus and in response to said type recognizing step recognizing the type of external device connected to the information processing apparatus by the connection means.

211. A program according to Claim 210, wherein said program further instructs the information processing apparatus to perform the step of controlling the external device based on the device driver read by said reading step.

212. A program according to Claim 210, wherein said connection recognizing step recognizes the device connection upon supplying power to the information processing apparatus.

213. A program according to Claim 210, wherein the external device comprises a random access memory card.

214. A program according to Claim 210, wherein the external device comprises a read only memory card.

215. A program according to Claim 210, wherein the information processing apparatus is a notebook personal computer.

216. A program according to Claim 210, wherein the information processing apparatus is an electronic pocket book.

217. A program according to Claim 210, wherein the information processing apparatus is an electronic camera.

218. A program according to Claim 210, wherein the program further instructs the information processing apparatus to perform the step of storing the device driver read by said reading step in a memory.

219. A program for an information processing apparatus to which an external device is detachably connected by connection means, said program instructing the information processing apparatus to perform the steps of:

recognizing connection of the external device to the information processing apparatus by the connection means;

recognizing the type of external device the connection means connects to the information processing apparatus based on data stored in the external device;



determining whether a device driver for the connected external device is to be read from the external device through the connection means in response to said type recognizing step recognizing the type of external device connected to the information processing apparatus by the connection means; and

reading the device driver in accordance with the determination performed in said determining step.

220. A program according to Claim 219, wherein said type recognizing step recognizes whether the device type is a first type or a second type, and said reading step reads the device driver from the external device through the connection means if said type recognizing step recognizes that the device type is the first type.

221. A program according to Claim 220, wherein said reading step reads the device driver from a memory area provided in the information processing apparatus if said type recognizing step recognizes that the device type is the second type.

222. A program according to Claim 219, wherein said program further instructs the information processing apparatus to perform the step of controlling the external device based on the device driver read by said reading step from the external device.

223. A program according to Claim 219, wherein said connection recognizing step recognizes the device connection upon supplying power to the information processing apparatus.



224. A program according to Claim 219, wherein the external device comprises a random access memory card.

225. A program according to Claim 219, wherein the external device comprises a read only memory card.

226. A program according to Claim 219, wherein the information processing apparatus is a notebook personal computer.

227. A program according to Claim 219, wherein the information processing apparatus is an electronic pocket book.

228. A program according to Claim 219, wherein the information processing apparatus is an electronic camera.

229. A program according to Claim 219, wherein the information processing apparatus further instructs the information processing apparatus to perform the step of storing the device driver read by said reading step in a memory.

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